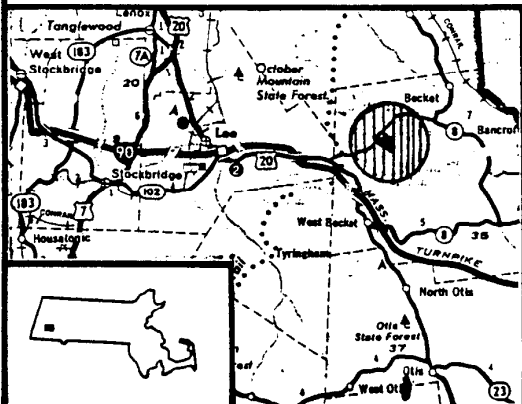


LOCATION



**BUCKLEY-DUNTON
RESERVOIR**

(BECKET)

Area: 161 Acres

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NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

BUCKLEY DUNTON RESERVOIR (Becket)

General Information:

This shallow, 161-acre flood control reservoir, built by the Soil Conservation Service, is situated approximately six miles northwest of Becket center. Maximum depth is ten feet; average depth approximately six feet. The water is fertile with a transparency of only three to four feet. Aquatic vegetation is moderate and scattered, concentrated primarily in the shallow northern and southern coves and along the shoreline. The bottom is composed of mud, and since a forest was flooded to create this pond, there is abundant structure in the form of stumps and deadfalls.

The shoreline is completely undeveloped and accessible to shore fishing, falling entirely within the borders of the October Mountain State Forest. Although there is no formal ramp, car top boats and canoes can be launched from a gravel area landing near the dam.

Fish Populations:

This lake was last sampled in June of 1981. Five species were recorded present at that time: largemouth bass, chain pickerel, pumpkinseed, brown bullhead and golden shiner.

Fishing:

This pond offers some of the better bass and pickerel fishing in the region. In addition to the excellent fisheries, the environment is aesthetically pleasing, scenic and relatively quiet. The pickerel are probably the premier gamefish here, being both common and of large average size. Largemouth bass are abundant, and large individuals are now reported regularly.

The density of structure in this pond (it is virtually paved with stumps) almost necessitates the use of "snag proof" lures such as spinnerbaits, weedless spoons and rubber worms. Due to the shallow nature of the water and the poor transparency, surface plugs and poppers are also very effective here.

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